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Footprints Get US Team All Excited *Malay Mail*
Joshua Gates, tv personality: "The footprint, which could not have been made more than 24 hours before, does not fit the description of any animals native to the area." And: Female with Bigprint Pic; Researcher Finds 'Bigfoot Trail'; 'Creature Prefers Cool Spot'

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With its forelegs upright like a dog and hind legs stretching out like a lizard, experts say a newly discovered fossil may rewrite the history of mammalian evolution.

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Peter Bodette, fisherman, on last summer's sighting: "It was as big around as my thigh. I'm 100 percent sure of what we saw. I'm not 100 percent sure of what it was." Dick Affolter, fisherman: "It made my hair stand on end at the time."

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Atavism in action. Matthew Harris, researcher: "It was like finding gold in the bathroom." With mutant embryonic chicken pic.

In Search of the British Bigfoot *Cryptomundo*
Nick Redfern: "The first account of a man-beast in the area dates from way back in 1879, when a creature described as being half-man and half-monkey was seen on a lonely stretch of road at the town of Ranton, which is situated only a few miles from where the Cannock Chase stands." And: Bigfoot or Big Cat - Frenzy Continues

How I Tracked Bigfoot Through the Malaysian Jungle *The Independent*
Jan McGirk joined a team of paranormal investigators to check out reports of 10ft giant apes in the rainforest near Kota Tinggi. And: Who Was On That Malaysian Expedition?; Bigfoot In Johor Believed To Be From Perak; Foreign Journalists Make Fresh Plaster Casts

Evidence of Children's UFO & Extraterrestrial Encounters *PRWeb*
PR piece. Counselor and clinical hypnotherapist Mary Rodwell says that there is enough evidence to conclude that "beings" are visiting from other planets and other dimensions parallel to our own. "My clients include both adults and children who exhibit transformative changes such as telepathy, clairvoyance and healing as they become more spiritually aware and begin to operate on a multi-dimensional band of reality."

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Explorers Discover Huge Cave & New Poison Frogs *LiveScience*

"Cueva del Fantasma"—Spanish for "Cave of the Ghost"—is so vast that two helicopters can comfortably fly into it and land next to a towering waterfall. It was found in the slopes of Aprada tepui in southern Venezuela. With links & pics.

Ice Worms: They're Real, & They're Hot *Seattle Times*
Ice worms move through seemingly solid ice with ease and are at their liveliest near the freezing point of water. Warm them up slightly and they dissolve into goo. Until recently they were thought a myth, but last year NASA spent $200,000 to explore the worms' cold tolerance and what it might say about the possibility of life on Jupiter's icy moons and other planets.

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Is Bigfoot really hiding out in the Staffordshire woodlands? Along a different continuum: *Bigfoot Stole My Wife* Big in Baghdad; Johor: Bigfoot Blues

Ghost Hunters Ready for Close Encounter *Edinburgh Evening News*
The second Edinburgh Ghost Fest looms.

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Brief response to Preston Dennett's *FATE* mag article on underwater UFO bases off the California coast.

Best Stories from the Rest of the Week
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Dust in the Wind Makes Brown Snow *Summit Daily News*
In some spots of Colorado Thursday morning, the snow looked like it was tinted chocolate-brown, prompting calls from concerned area residents. Wtih pic. And: Blame Arizona; Pink, Brown Snow Concerns Avalanche Experts

Great Apes Found to Be Rich in Culture *Nature*
Evidence is mounting that great apes are a cultured lot. Gorillas, orang-utans and chimpanzees pass down traditions and follow fads.

Stanford Prof Explains Earthquake Mystery *CBS 5*
Mark Zoback says the three 1811/1812 New Madrid quakes were caused by the after-effects of a massive glacier that reached down to what is now the middle of Illinois. After the ice sheets melted, the ground released the pressure of the heavy glacier. He warns that it could happen again.

Scientist Earmarks Planets Most Likely to Hold Alien Life *The Independent*
Despite J.G. Ballard's oft-quoted observation, "The only truly alien planet is Earth," astronomers have identified a sun-like star called beta CVn in the constellation Canes Venatici that appears to possess all the necessary preconditions that would allow an advanced civilisation to flourish on a nearby planet. Elsewhere: Lack of Cash Stops NASA's Alien Hunt

Animal Diseases Jumping to Humans *Associated Press*
Humans risk being overrun by diseases from the animal world, according to researchers who have documented 38 illnesses that have made that jump over the past 25 years. Mark Woolhouse: "Humans have always been attacked by novel pathogens. This process has been

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Are There Aliens Already on Earth? *Astrobiology*
Geology professor Peter Ward thinks its possible. His new book, *Life as We Do Not Know It*, explains why.

Flying Dinosaurs *Cryptomundo*
Two new publications have appeared on the little-discussed topic of recent sightings of "flying dinosaurs." These two works, however, are at separate ends of the cryptozoology continuum.

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Cold Fusion: A Heated History *Living on Earth*
Most scientists call sustained cold fusion reactions impossible, but others say their experiments are producing energy. An investigation. Audio & transcript.

Somerset Rumbles, But Why? *Kennebec Journal*
The earth shook and buildings rumbled Thursday morning, according to at least a dozen residents who reported tremors in Anson, Madison, Skowhegan and Norridgewock, Maine. No earthquake activity was recorded, however.

Sasquatch, Saucers & Spirits! Oh My! *Blairsville Dispatch*
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Astronomers Ponder Weird Cosmic Burst *Reuters*
Dr Neil Gehrels, NASA's Swift satellite's principal investigator: "This is totally new, totally unexpected. This is the type of unscripted event in our nearby universe that we hoped Swift could catch." And: Pics Here

Talking to Henry May *Cryptomundo*
Researchers Loren Coleman and Henry May discuss the Malaysian "Bigfoot" sightings, prints, etc., as well as U.S. reports.

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